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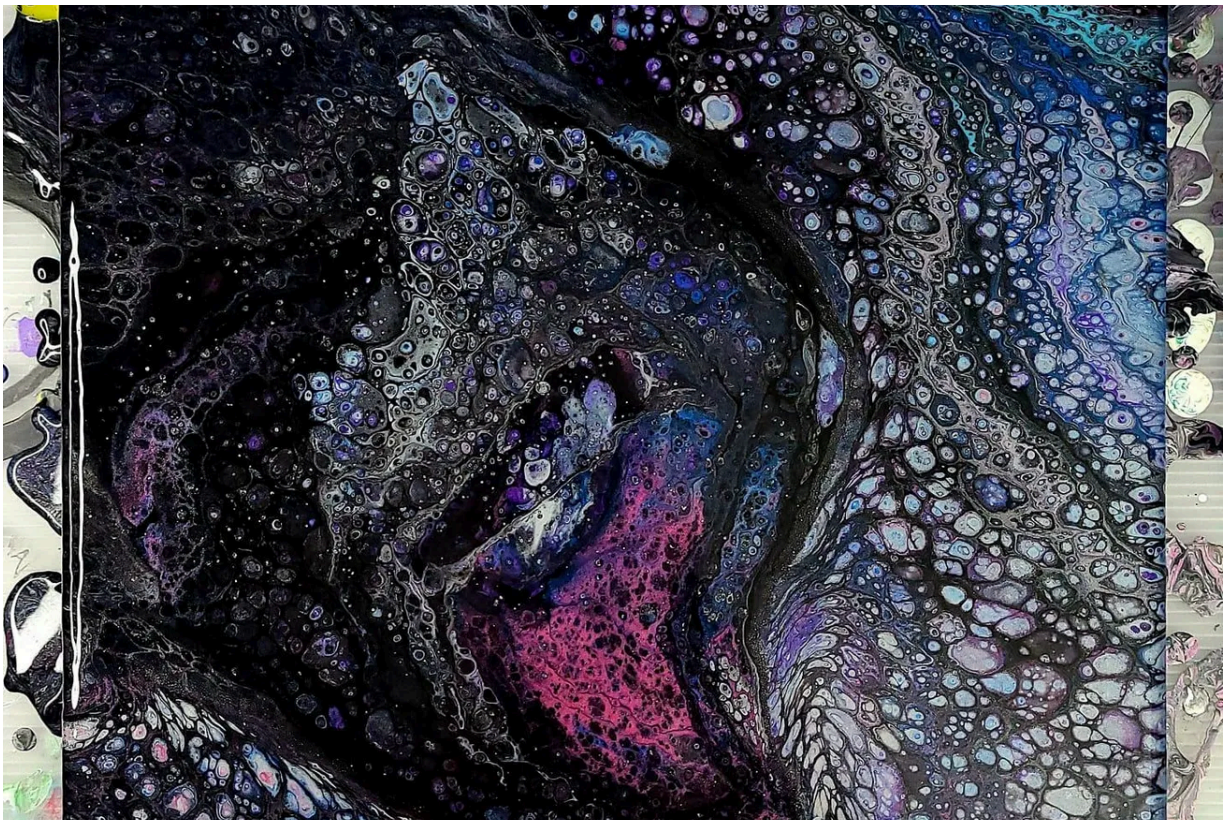

Fluid painting by Beck Fischbach. COURTESY PHOTO/THE WINCHESTER ARTISTS NETWORK

The town's cultural council is looking for artists.

For over 20 years, Winchester businesses and artists have collab turn the downtown area into an arts colony during the month of August.

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Cultural Council member Mindi Zhang and her daughter at a previous reception. COURTESY PHOTO/THE WINCHESTER ARTISTS NETWORK

Throughout the month, local artists' work will be displayed in windows and inside stores downtown.

The festival begins with a gala reception on Aug. 1, and features meet-the-artist receptions on three different Thursday evenings.

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"We're excited to feature so many of Winchester's talented artists, and to have the support of our local businesses in showing their work," said Winchester Cultural Council member Trish Gannon.

This year's festival will also see the return of Art in the Park on Saturday, Aug. 17, a full day of arts activities on the Common at the Winchester Farmers' Market.

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Residents enjoy spending time downtown to view the art exhibits, artists get some welcome exposure, and businesses support their community — and often get to meet some very interesting artists.

Participation is open to all artists who live or create art in Winchester, and all businesses in town are welcome to host artists. Matching of artists and businesses is done by the Art in August Committee.

Art in August is sponsored by the Winchester Cultural Council and the Winchester Artists Network (WAN).

All events are free.

*NOTE: This article has been updated to correct the name of the artist of the textile work.*

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